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TOPIC Soviet Army Ordnance Depot at Schoenebeck

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EVALUATION

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1. No changes regarding Russian personnel at the ordnance depot, Schoenebeck, have occurred recently. On 8 October 1951, the administrative staff at the depot was as follows:

Colonel Baranov (fnu), depot commander, who has been away on an official trip since 1 October.

Major Khvaridin (fnu), the deputy commander, who recently returned from a four-week furlough in the U.S.S.R.

Captain Skarakhot (fnu), the motor transport officer, who was in charge of Warehouses V and VI. On 24 August, he returned from furlough in the U.S.S.R.

Captain Kovolov (fnu), chief of the cultural section, who was in charge of Warehouse IV. He also was the officer for political indoctrination of the units in Magdeburg. He returned from the U.S.S.R. on 1 September.

Senior Lieutenant Kolshov (fnu), the assistant motor transport officer, who was promoted on 1 September. He was in charge of Warehouse VI.

Lieutenant Zavilyov (fnu), the paymaster.

All officers belong to the infantry, except for Captain Kovolov (fnu), who is an artillery officer. (1)

2. The guard unit at the depot consists of 40 to 45 soldiers, commanded by Lieutenant Yunov (fnu). (2) Prior to October 1950, the guard personnel had frequently been exchanged in order to prevent their coming into close contact with the German workers and the German population. However, since then, this practice has stopped. The guard personnel also performed fatigue duty at the depot.

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3. The depot included: Building No I, containing field kitchens, field bakeries, gymnastic apparatuses, 4 portable forgeries, 2 ambulances, and 12 to 15 horse-drawn vehicles; Building No II, containing old and new packing material; Building No III, which was vacant; Building No IV, containing books, visual aid charts and manuals, musical instruments, radio sets, and projectors; Building No V, containing old clothing and equipment; and Building No VII, containing bicycles, sewing machines and material for the tailor and shoemaker shops.

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4. Once a week, a shipment of 7 to 10 railroad boxcars with salvaged material left the depot for the central ordnance depot at Bonn.

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In return for the salvaged material, about an equal amount of new uniforms was sent back to Schoenebeck. The summer training period had no effect on the rate of incoming and outgoing shipments. The last shipment observed arrived on 29 September and consisted of nine boxcarloads of winter clothing. (4) No shipments were observed coming by water.

5. The amount of work at the mending shops has considerably increased since mid-August 1951. For example, 4,000 quilted trousers and 4,000 quilted jackets were to be mended between late August and mid-September. Because all the work could not be done, the remaining articles of clothing were sent to a mending shop at Magdeburg. A 10-hour day was set for the personnel at the workshops until 30 September.
6. Prior to 15 September, there were 2 tailors, 7 shoemakers and 32 German seamstresses employed at the ordnance depot. Except for four women, all German women employed there were discharged after that time. A shipment of **Russian** women 19 to 25 years old had arrived at Magdeburg a short time before. The German women were replaced by 3 **Russian** women and 15 Soviet soldiers who had been detached to the depot unit. (5)

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Comments.

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- (1) The information confirms the Soviet Ordnance Depot, [redacted], of the Third Shock Army at Schoenebeck on the Elbe River until the beginning of October 1951. The buildings are keyed to sketch attached [redacted]. The names and positions of the officers were previously reported.
- (2) Lieutenant Yunov. (fnu). is reported for the first time.
- (3) The two trucks belong to headquarters units of the Third Shock Army.
- (4) Supply traffic between Schoenebeck and Bernau was listed in reports on rail movements.
- (5) Discharges of German personnel are reported for the first time after a long interval. However, it is believed that this is only a local measure which will probably be changed. Since the supply installation at Schoenebeck is an ordnance depot, it is not subject to increased security measures.

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